

The Worship of God

Fayetteville First United Methodist Church
13th Sunday After Pentecost | 11:00 AM | August 23, 2026

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

O Jesus, I Have Promised
arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Mr. Nicholas Bowden
Minister of Music

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath
Rene' Clausen

The Chancel Choir

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord.
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Praise him, Laud him;
Alleluia!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Kaylen Short
Senior Minister

***HYMN 66**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDES DOMINI

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Short and **People**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal UMH 881

***GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Allison Keith
Associate Minister

Offer one another signs of reconciliation and love:
"The peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

ANTHEM

Jesus Is All the World to Me
arr. Paul S. Jones

Stephen Rotz, Tenor

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; He is my strength from day to day, without Him I would fall. When I am sad to Him I go, no other one can cheer me so; when I am sad He makes me glad, He's my friend. Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend. I trust Him now, I'll trust him when life's fleeting days shall end. Beautiful life with such a friend, beautiful life that has no end; eternal life, eternal joy, He's my friend.

- Will Thompson (1904)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Keith and People

Almighty God,
you are our help from age to age.
Accept our worship,
and transform us by your Spirit,
that we may be members of one true body,
Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 138

Barbara Condon

*I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.*

*All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

May God bless the hearing of this scripture.
Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Rev. Keith

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Keith and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

In Christ there is No East or West
arr. John Ness Beck

The Chancel Choir
J. Martin Alexander, Organist

*In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
Join hands then loved ones of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as a child is surely kin to me.
In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north; All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.
Alleluia, Amen.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Dana Lamb
Minister to Children

*Children ages 4 years through 2nd grade are invited to attend Wonders of Worship in Room B225.
Younger children are invited to attend with a parent.
Children 3rd grade and older are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary for the service.
The nursery is available for infants through 3 years.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 16: 13-20

Rev. Short

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**May God bless the hearing of this scripture.
Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Wait Is Over"

Rev. Short

***HYMN 731**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIA

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Short

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter J. Lutkin

The Chancel Choir

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA
arr. Paul Manz

Mr. Bowden

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Congregational responses are in bold type.

Please remember in your prayers:

Karen Davis
Al Guice

Tangie Hubbard
Martha Hale

Beverly Mobley
Paul Wiley

To the glory of God and in honor of Nadine Anderson for her birthday August 25



WEEKENDER

Wednesday Night Supper
August 26th

Messy Church
August 29th
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Titus II
September 1st
Noon



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